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The following observations are set forth concerning Mrs. CATHERINE TAAFFE and WALLACE QUINN and individuals from whom they have obtained information which was made available to the NYO.

Mrs. TAAFFE has been acquainted with WALLACE QUINN for approximately six years, having met him through ALBERTO FERNANDEZ, head of the Sugar Institute, Havana, Cuba. Mrs. TAAFFE, over a period of years, has established various contacts among business leaders and other leading personalities both in and out of governments in the Central American and Caribbean areas. It is noted that in the past she has dealt with the Batista government and other Cuban governments. Over this period she has developed a long-standing friendship with ALBERTO FERNANDEZ, his father and family, and also JOSE MARTINEZ GRESPO of the Cuban mining industry. She has maintained these contacts over a period of time. Although in the past she has been engaged in business activities, currently these contacts are more of a social nature. Mrs. TAAFFE is strongly anti-CASTRO and is desirous of assisting the U.S. Government in any way possible, of her own volition, as she is of the belief that the present government in Cuba is going Communistic.

Concerning ALBERTO FERNANDEZ, he was in favor of the July 26th Movement but has recently realized that the present Cuban government will not sustain itself and he feels that it is for the best interests of Cuba to have the CASTRO government removed and as a result has become associated with one of the opposition groups.

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Concerning WALLACE QUINN, it has been indicated in contacts with QUINN that he has no political interests insofar as the various factions in Cuba are concerned. However, he has been associated with ALBERTO FERNANDEZ over a period of time in business in Cuba and the U.S. As a result of this relationship, which is both business and social, QUINN is presently concerned as to FERNANDEZ' welfare and will attempt to assist FERNANDEZ in any way he can. This is his primary interest. It should be noted, however, that both TAAFFE and QUINN have expressed confidence in the FBI over and above other governmental agencies and are both interested in furnishing information which might be of interest to the U.S. Government. Mrs. TAAFFE feels that mis-information is reported in the newspapers concerning the CASTRO government because of press, telephone and cable censorship in and out of Cuba and it is felt that the U.S. Government will not get a true picture unless information personally obtained from people acquainted with the situation is made available.

Concerning ENRIQUE GARCIA, Mrs. TAAFFE has expressed her distrust of him. He has volunteered information to her and she has not solicited information from him. She believes that the Dominicans are actively working against the CASTRO government and know her connection with FERNANDEZ and others. She is of the opinion that information volunteered by GARCIA may be done with the expectation that it will be passed on to FERNANDEZ. Mrs. TAAFFE has known GARCIA less than one year.

The information furnished by Mrs. TAAFFE has been volunteered to her by people in Cuba as to such questions as the extent of infiltration by the Communists in the government and this information has prompted questions and the solicitation of information of her from her contacts.

It has been indicated that GARCIA is uncertain as to whether or not he can trust Mrs. TAAFFE as she tells him nothing and only listens.

Concerning the motives of Mrs. TAAFFE and QUINN, it is

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indicated that first and foremost they desire to be good citizens and furnish information which may be of assistance and guidance to the U.S. Government on the question of Cuba. Neither have indicated any interest in financial gain as a result of furnishing information.

The NYO will continue to be alert as to circumstances reflecting on the motives on the part of these sources, and also any activities which would give rise to violations of the Registration Act on the part of TAAFFE and/or QUINN.

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